Subathu, Simla Hills, India

1928-8-23

My dear archbishop,

It is long since we have not written to each other. I returned from Tibet last month owing to some difficulties, I could not stay there longer.

I have just written a book entitled "Meditations". I will send you a copy as soon as it is ready.
Would you be kind enough to send me a copy of each in Swedish of "the Sadhu" by Canon Streeter and "At the Master's Feet". I shall be much obliged.

I hope your family are keeping well. I remember you often in my prayers. I hope that you will also help me by your prayers.

There is a rumour in India that another Indian Dr. [Satyendra Nath] Bose or [Sarojini] Naidu is going to win Nobel Literature prize next year, is that true?

I shall be thankful if you will be kind enough to send me one or two of your books published in English. Your photo is always before me in my room.

Now I must close with kindest regards to self and family.

Yours very Sincerely,

(Sadhu) Sundar Singh.

Subathu, Simla Hills, India

1928-10-24

My dear archbishop,

Thank you so much for your kind letter of the 2nd, first.

I am leaving just now for five or six weeks preaching tour in many different places in India ie. Bombay, Baroda, Nagpur and South India. I am also going to attend Swedish Mission Conference at Chhindwara c. p. November 1-2.

My new book entitled "The Search after Reality" is now in the press and is being published by Macmillan & Co. in London and in Germany it has just been translated by prof. Heiler and it is also being translated in Danish and Swedish it may be ready before the Xmas.

Thank you very much for your kind prayers. I am sorry that my work in India and my weak lungs would not allow me to attend the universal conference at Stockholm next August. It has been a great strain on my lungs to speak in large meetings continually for years but thank God I am feeling much better now.

Now I close with kindest regards and Christian love to self and family and my little friend Lag,

Yours very Sincerely

Sundar Singh

P.S. I have just received the book you translated in Swedish with some amendments about the universal conference of life and work, but this book is the translation of my first book "At the Master's Feet" published in 1923. But I request you to be so kind as to send me a copy of my last book entitled "Reality and Religion" in Swedish, which I have not received as yet, please forgive me for the trouble. I am very sorry to bother you again as I want a Swedish copy of the "Reality and Religion" not the one you sent to me ie. "At the Master's Feet". - S.S.

Subathu, Simla Hills, India.

1-12-1924

My dear Bishop

I have just returned from my tour in South India and central India, you will remember that we sent a cable to you from Chhindwara. I was there for three days to address the meetings.

You may have heard that Roman Catholics have been writing falsely against me, their pupose is to show in a cunning way that there can be no mystic out of R.C. church and they were afraid that by my influence many R.C. may become Protestant so that they began to write against me, but it made no difference in India because the people here know me personally, they can't be deceived by enemies. But they might deceive some people in Europe who do not know me personally.

Our Alexander ... of ... who thinks that he is the only wise man and all thousands of people and missionaries are fools because they are my friends, he is my enemy from the time I saw him in 1913, he does not know anything about me, because he was never friends to me. First time when he saw me he was so angry that he did not like to see me because he said it is a fraud to work like a Hindu Sadhu and it is a menace to the missionaries. I said that the Lord has called me to work as a Sadhu, but he said no and a few years ago he began to write against me in a paper called "The Harvest Field" but when he could not prove then he stopped and then on account of jealousy and enmity he thought that the R.C. people who are against Protestant would be best means to attack me and about the telegrams which were sent by a R.C. Jesuit, an Indian by name ... about my death, he himself has confessed that he did so, although the R.C. have hidden him now here is a copy of that Jesuit's letter to the Editor of "Indian Witness" Lucknow, which is in the office of that paper it was written in 1917 as follows: "I have heard that Mr. ... has asked Sundar Singh Sadhu for an explanation about ... the telegrams of his death as these criticisms are undue on this man of God I beg to admit my fault before the time comes of its being revealed before throne of God. It was my fault that there exists any misunderstanding on the part when he went to Calcutta for the purpose of going to Canada and he could get no passport he came toward Bombay making a preaching tour. The first time I met him at ... the second time I accidentally met him at ... as I did not agree with S. Singh in certain points as I am a Catholic and also I have no order to write or speak with Protestant, but as he has been subjected to criticism for nothing and as he has not taken any steps to defend himself, but is dumb like a sheep before shearers I write this. I know full well that he is a servant of God and I admit before God that I

was the man who sent telegrams about his death to his friends. I implore forgiveness for this from God and from him." Now you will understand the mischief which R.C. and Dr. ... tried to do. May the Lord forgive and bless them is my earnest prayer. Excuse me for the trouble I give you. I wanted to explain you something in order that some people might ask you about it.

Now I close with kindest regard to self and family.

Yours ever affectionately

Sundar Singh.

Subathu, Simla Hills, India.

5-1-1925

My dear Bishop,

Thank you so much for your kind letter of Dec. 8th but I am sorry to say that I have not yet received any copy of the "Verklighet och Religion" but have received twice the translation of at the Master's feet from you. I think by mistake this book has been sent instead of the "Reality and Religion". Shall be thankful if you would kindly ask your publisher to send a copy of the "Verklighet och Religion".

I shall be thankful if you would send the money you mentioned in your letter about the Royalty of "Reality and Religion" in Swedish, you can send a cheque as you sent last year, that will quite alright.

I have sent many facts to prof. Heiler of Marburg to refute the false attack and lies of Jesuits. The Jesuits have jealousy because they felt that I don't believe in churchianity but in christianity which is Christ Himself and church is only a part of the body of Christ on earth and the Jesuits think that if they will not now cry against me, than my increasing influence may lead Roman Catholics to become Protestant. Their attacks are not a new thing, it has been always so, as in the day of reformation. When I was in Winterberg, Germany I was surprised to see in a library a large and much literature written by Roman Catholics against the dear servant of the Lord Luther. It is a great privilege to suffer with all the servants of the Lord. Matthew 5:11,12.

I hope to write another book on "Meditations" some time this year if I could find time.

Now I must close with kindest regards to self and family.

Yours affectionately,

Sundar Singh.

Subathu, Simla Hills, India

29-11-1925

To The Arch Bishop of Upsala Sweden

My dear friend

Thank you so much for your kind letter of the 4th ... : I am very glad to hear about the Conference on Life & Work. I am sure that God will abundantly bless your efforts for His Glory.

I hope that my latest books on "Meditations on various aspects of Spiritual life" have been translated into Swedish which I wrote last request. I hope to write another book on Visions provided my health permits me to do so as I have not been keeping well since September last and I don't think that I will be able to work for a few months.

I often think of you and your Christian love to me.

Now I close with prayer and kindest regards.

Yours Affectionately

Sundar Singh.

Subathu, Simla Hills

29-4-1927

Me dear friend,

I am leaving today for Tibet.

Acts 20:22-24
[And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, compelled by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God]

I shall be very grateful if you would kindly remember me in your prayers. I don't feel quite fit physically for this very hard journey, but I must obey Him. If nothing happens then I hope to be back here by the end of July and I will write you again as soon as I return from my preaching tour into Tibet.

I enclose herewith a copy of the article which I have written for some religious papers and thought you may like to read it.

Please convey my kind regards and Christian love to all my friends in Sweden. Now I close this letter with all good wishes and love to self and family.

Yours affectionately,

Sundar Singh.

Subathu, Simla Hills.

Dated 18-4-1929

My revered friend,

I am leaving today for Tibet. I know the dangers and difficulties of this journey, but I must try my best to do my duty according to my calling. Acts 20:24. Kindly remember me in your prayers.

I hope to be back D.V. after two or three months and will write you as soon as I return home.

I trust you are all keeping well.

With best wishes and love to you all.

Yours affectionately,

Sundar Singh.

Upsala March 18th 1925

Sadhu Sundar Singh
Subathu
Simla Hills

My dear Friend,

Thanking you heartily for the kind letter of January 5th, I have sent a fourth copy of Verklighet och Religion, and I hope that it is already in your hands.

Today Upplands Enskilda Bank is sending to your address Pounds 11:10, being Swedish Crowns 204:47.

I have written myself a very explicit series of articles on the jesuit attacks which are abominable because they reveal an ignominious falsehood that is absolutely incredible. Professor Heiler has devoted to this cause so much love and acuteness, time and money that it proves anew his unselfish devotion to truth.

This story is a dark chapter in the history of the jesuits and one of the vices of Christianity. But it can not but serve at least the end of God's Kingdom, and I wish you heartily strength and trust for fulfilling your great vocation.

With hearty greetings from all members of my family, I am affectionately yours.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF UPSALA.

Wahoo, Nebr., U.S.A., November 2, 1923.

Sadhu Sundar Singh,
Subathu, Simla Hills,
India.

My dear Sadhu,

I suppose that our thoughts and our prayers have met, because your kind letter is certainly an answer to my constant fervent and loving thought of you and to my intercession. I was happy to know at Oxford, that you were still alive on earth. And I asked dr. Appasamy to write to you on behalf of a Swedish translation of the book you were writing. I shall be glad to procure a Swedish translation, if you can authorize me. I write to my editor in Stockholm asking him to send to you both my Swedish books on you. I suppose you saw my article in the INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY REVIEW 1921 on you. I hope to be in Upsala December 19. Here I am visiting the Swedish Church in America working with American friends for the united life and work of Christendom and lecturing at the universities. My program is rather too heavy for my age. Much in this dollar country is queer and repugnant to my mind, but here are also many wholehearted, cheerful and venturous Christians who want America to share the responsibility of our torn Christian civilization. Mrs. Söderblom and my son Jon Olef are with me and send their hearty greetings. We keep you in affectionate remembrance. I have felt your spiritual presence, your image is before me. And if we shall not meet any more I feel eternal communion with you in Christ.

At home all seem to be well. One son is in San Francisco.

I shall not be home in the Swedish Academy at the distribution of the Nobel Prize this year. I scarcely believe that it will go to India the next years.

They want me to publish my last book on you also in English.

Always affectionately yours.

Upsala Jan. 4th 1924

My dear Friend,

I thank You most heartily for Your very kind letter and for the Manuscript that is being translated. I shall revise the translation and the editor will be glad to send to You the royalty of the book. You have many intimate friends here in Sweden who will receive Your message with thoughtful attention and gratitude.

I ask the editor to send to You a couple of copies of my book on You.

Looking eagerly forward to further communications from You and Your authorship and with my always living thoughts and prayers for You and Your work, and with many good greetings from my whole family, including my little grand-daughter, who has Your photo above her bed, I am

Your sincere friend.

Upsala, October 2nd, 1924

Sadhu Sundar Singh
Subathu
Simla Hills

My dear Sadhu and Friend,

I thank you most heartily for your very kind letter. But it is an enigma to me and to us that you have not as yet received the copies of my translation of your fine treatise, full of an Evangelic mystic inwardness, that is helpful for every Christian soul. First two copies were sent to you. Then my secretary sent two other copies together with my last letter. Now we are sending for the third time one copy and in a separate cover, some documents on our great Conference in Stockholm, at which it will be a real joy to all of us to have you amongst us. I am sure that means can be provided for your voyage. Please tell me about your actual work, and about your plans for the next future in India. We are living in constant spiritual communion with you. My young friend Friedrich Heiler in Marburg, a genius in comparative religion ... deep and beautiful mystic heart, has written about you, the best book published hitherto.

With every blessing and with good wishes from my family, especially from our little friend Lag,

Sincerely yours.

Upsala 8.12.1924

Sadhu Sundar Singh
Subathu
Simla Hills

My dear Sadhu,

I was very glad to hear from you again through your kind letter of Oct. 18th. It is a puzzle with your fine booklet that I translated. I have two copies sent twice to your address, and one single copy a third time in inscribed letter. I do not mean the earlier book, but I mean "Verklighet och Religion" translation of "Reality and Religion". I hope that you have now received at least one of these copies sent to you.

I hope also that you got the small sum of 197 Crowns and 70 öre sent to you in Indian money as cheque from Uplandsbanken in February this year, a gift from Mrs. Karin Lindström, Öregrund, Sweden.

Now I have another small sum to send to you from the editor of "Verklighet och Religion". May I send it to this address in a cheque on a bank?

Your latest book has already appeared in a Swedish translation made by a very gifted and intelligent translator.

Dr. Heiler and myself have occupied ourselves with the attacks made on you by the jesuits. It is characteristic to hate as I shall show in a forthcoming essay how those attacks come from the Roman Catholic conception of miracle and saint. It means to that conception an offence that there should be something like a saint and miracles operated outside the Roman hierarchy. Neither Streeter, nor Dr. Heiler or myself have in our books written a single word against our Roman sister-communion, and I am happy to be able to quote yourself in favour of a more Christian and Evangelic conception of miracle and meaning not anything magical in the sense of what medicinemen amongst the primitive peoples and fakirs pretend to accomplish, but that miracle means that God reveals Himself to a poor human heart in 1/ what happens to us, 2/ especially in the wonder of wonders, Jesus Christ and His grace, and 3/ in the peace given to a human heart, who trusts in God and receiving through Christ the remission of its sins.

I am glad to hear about your activity and, although thousands of people would rejoice in hearing you at our Conference in Stockholm next year, I think that your vocation is in the first place to India and, by all means, you must be faithful to your Master in not opposing your mental and bodily strength to a voyage that may diminish your possibilities in your beloved country or rather world of India and Tibet.
With hearty blessings, your brother in Christ.
ÄRKEBISKOPEN UPSALA

Upsala 22.1.1925

My dear Sadhu and Friend,

I thank you most heartily for your two kind letters, which are illuminating in several respects. As soon as I read about the attacks on you, I published on the request of our greatest papers an explicit declaration, and I am glad that I was right in my supposition or rather, I am sorry to see how unchristian and immoral Roman catholic polemics can be. I am now writing an article on you more from a theological point of view, stating that the Roman Catholics who are sincere, ask themselves with anxiety; Can there be saints outside the Roman and Papal hierarchy, and roman apologists try to get rid of that difficulty in using any means, even untruth. I also try to show that the miracle in the sense of a miraculous event against the laws of Nature, have a great place in popular and learned Roman religion, as well as in primitive faith. But, according to our Lord, miracle is nothing negative but something positive, the revelation of God's wonderful might and grace and answer to the prayers of the heart. You have advanced the same evangelic theory on miracle.

You have no better friend in Europe than Professor Fr. Heiler in Marburg, whom I love and admire, and with whom I have had the most intimate spiritual communion since he sent me his first great book on Prayer, where he has adopted my general view of religious development, and the difference between revealed religion and general mysticism. He is a pure heart and the greatest genius Roman catholicism ever had on comparative religion. But in reading Martin Luther, he recognized the New Testament and became evangelic.

God bless all sincere and true hearts, who love Him for His own sake, and their fellowmen for their own sake, and who put God's rule above human considerations. Therefore I bless you, and I am with benediction and friendship,

Sincerely yours.

Upsala 25.2.1925

Professor Lodovico Paschetto
Editor of the Magazine "Bilychnis"
Piazza in Lucina 35
R o m /9/

My dear Professor,

I have asked Professor Fr. Heiler in Marburg to send his articles on Sundar Singh to your admirable review. I am publishing myself a series of articles, which I shall send later on. Professor Heiler has carried out his work in a scholarly way. If you find it necessary I shall try to write a short extra article. But it is very hard to get time, and you will be able to make the best possible article on the subject after having seen Heiler's masterly defense.

The best proofs are his quotations from Delahaie, Grandmaison, Väth, all three jesuits, and other prominent catholic theologians, who admire the sadhu.

Sincerely yours.

Stockholm November 4th 1925

To the Sadhu Sundar Singh
Subathu
Simla Hills

My dear Friend,

Much has happened since I received your very kind letters in the earlier half of this year. The Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work depassed our boldest hopes and our most ardent prayers. It was a hard and difficult undertaking. But God has not given us our abilities and powers for easy things, but for accomplishing His will. We felt deeply during the Conference a selfrestraint and an earnest passion for Love and Truth and Unity that comes from the mighty presence of the Holy Spirit.

I send you our Hymnbook and the Message.

Our common friend, Professor Heiler, who is something of a Saint, and myself spoke intimately about you, and we pray for you. The members of my family send to you hearty greetings. We often speak about you.

Believe me brotherly and heartily yours.

Upsala February 2nd 1926

Sadhu Sundar Singh
Subathu
Simla Hills

My dear Sadhu,

We understand that you are suffering from your eye and in your bosom. You are quite close to us although so many miles and mountains and seas and countries separate us, because in God's spiritual Church there are no geographical distances. God certainly sent you especially to your own Indian people, but He gave you a great vocation for our Western Christendom, and our common dear friend Professor Heiler sent me the proof-sheets of his new little book on Christ in India. God has blessed you richly in spite of persecution and sufferings, and He has given to His whole Church a wonderful blessing through you, His faithful servant in love and faith. It would be to me one of the greatest boons of my life, if I might meet your personally once more. But even in distance I feel your presence helpful, exhorting and strengthening. May God keep you faithful in His love, in His heavenly communion unto the end. If it is His purpose, we should desire most earnestly all of us to keep you many, many years on this earth as an Evangelist through life and preaching and writing. I am an old man in comparison with you, but before all we pray that God's will be done with us in health and sickness, in life and death. As Martin Luther wrote: "The one who has a gracious God, should he not break through mountains of copper and find everything delightful and sweet, not more mortal but living already here the eternal life".

In everlasting thankfulness to God for what He has given to me and to His Church through you, and in the hope that He will give you strength to pursue your sacred calling. I am with affectionate greetings from my family and from many Christian brothers and sisters in the Church in Sweden,

brotherly yours.

R.A. Upsala 26th of March 1926.

Sadhu Sundar Singh
Subathu (N. India)
Simla Hills.

My dear Sadhu Sundar Singh:

God be praised for the good news about your recovery. I rejoice also that your new book has already appeared or is appearing at MacMillan, the most distinguished publisher in London.

We had much pleasure of a short visit of the Sadhu John Nelson, who is a genius on languages and a strong christian personality. He spoke with the highest esteem and love of you. I hope that he will come back to us in Sweden this summer.

It will interest you to hear that I am to lecture in the University of Dublin on The Scholar, the Ascetic and the Hero in Religion in the end of June.

The Continuation Committee of the World Conference will meet in Bern in Switzerland in August.

God bless the continued work for peace and Unity!

Believe me, with affectionate greetings from my family and your many friends in Upsala.

Yours in Christ.

Upsala September 11th 1926.

Sadhu Sundar Singh
Subathu, Simla Hills.

My dear Friend,

I hope that you have received my letter, thanking you most heartily for the manuscript to the Visions. I also hope that I shall be able to send you soon the Swedish translation. Lindblads Förlag in Upsala is editing the book.

Coming back from Bern, where the Continuation Committee of the Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work met, and from Geneva, where I preached to the League of Nations, I receive your kind letter of August 18th with the forword of the Bishop of Lahore, which will be added to the Swedish translation. We have had this time the joy of receiving in the Continuation Committee three authentic hindus, Dr. K.T. Paul, Ralia Ram, and the Sadhu John Nelson. In a coming year we cannot help hoping to have also you amongst us. We feel that we go nearer to each-other in the fellowship of our common Saviour. As soon as the Swedish translation will be ready, I share write to you again.

Sincerely yours.

Stockholm
27-4-1922

My Dear Bishop.

Just a few words to thank you and Mrs. Soderblom very heartily for your hospitality and kindness to me. I enjoyed your fellowship very much, it was a "communion of Saints" and I will never forget that short time spent with you and that will remind us to pray for each other.

Yours affectionately,

(Sadhu) Sundar Singh.

Stockholm den 29 okt. 1926

My dear Sadhu,

I am actually sitting in the Swedish Church Council in Stockholm and I send you this short greeting only to tell you that the editor gives 12 % in royalty. That is, you will receive directly from the editor ... Swedish Crowns as first half, and the second half later on.

With hearty greetings

sincerely yours.

Subathu, Simla Hills, India.
6-12-1923

The archbishop of Upsala,
Sweden.

My dear Bishop

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 2nd ultimo.

Herewith I am sending the manuscript of my new book entitled "Reality and Religion". It is being published in English in London by Macmillan and Co., but I have kept the copyright of translation into foreign languages reserved to myself. So you can arrange to be translated and published in Swedish without delay. I authorize you to do so but would you kindly arrange with your publishers to pay me royalty or a part of the profit from sale to be used for the Lord's work in Tibet?

I am preparing to write another book, I think it may be ready some time next year. I will send you the MS as soon as it is ready.

I have been very busy in attending conferences in different parts of India and I think of you very often.

Now I close with kindest regards and Christian love to self and family.

Subathu, Simla Hills, India.
23-6-1924

My dear Bishop,

It is long time since I have not heard from you, I hope you are keeping well.

I have returned from my tour and now I am busy getting ready my new book, I hope it will be ready before long and one of the Swedish publishing House in Stockholm has asked me to give them permission for the publication in Swedish and you are the chairman of that firm or company. My last book "Reality and Religion" has been published in English, Danish and other languages, but I have not heard anything as yet about its Swedish Edition. Is it ready now? If so, would you kindly send me a copy of it. I shall be much obliged.

Often I think of you and my other friends in Sweden, hoping to hear from you before long.

With kindest regards to self and family.

Yours affectionately,

Sadhu, Sundar Singh.

Subathu, Simla Hills, India.
10-9-1924

My dear archbishop.

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 6th august which I received two weeks ago. I did not reply earlier because I have been waiting for the "two copies" of my book entitled "Reality and Religion" in Swedish, in order to acknowledge the receipt of those books, but I am sorry to say that till now I have not received any copy of my book translated in Swedish and neither I have received any pamphlets of which you mentioned in your letter. I will be thankful if you would kindly ask the publishers again to send me that book.

I think it may be possible for me to attend the "Universal conference on life and work" next autumn in Stockholm if the arrangements could be made for travelling expenses. Would you kindly let me know little more about this conference?

With kind regards to self and family.

Yours very sincerely,

Sundar Singh.

Subathu, Simla Hills, India.
2-4-1925

My dear Bishop.

Thank you very much for your kind letter and a Swedish copy of the "Reality and Religion" which I have just received but I have not yet received the royalty on this book about which you wrote me that you are going to send this money. I know that you are very busy in your work for the Lord.

Last week I returned from my Evangelistic tour in different places in India but I could not work more than a few weeks as my lungs are not very strong now.

Our friend Dr. Heiler of Marburg must have sent you the articles in which he has published the facts to prove the lies of jesuits, may God forgive them.

Often I think of you and pray earnestly, your photo on my table always reminds me and with great pleasure I think of the days I had the privilege of your fellowship in 1922.

Now I close with kindest regards and love to self and family.

Yours affectionately,

Sundar Singh.

Subathu, Simla Hills, India.
14-4-1925.

My fear friend,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 18th March and also for £ 11/10/ from "Uplands enskilda Bank", Upsala, which I have just received. This amount has been sent by your order, being the royalty on my book "Verklighet och Religion". Swedish crowns 204:47.

You must have received my last week's letter. I am now preparing to write a new book on "Meditations" which will be ready in a few months, and it will be published by "Svenska kyrkans Bokförlag" of which you are the president, so that will be quite satisfactory and I have promised them to send the MS in a few months. With Christian love to self and all the members of your family.

Your affectionately,

Sundar Singh.

Subathu
N. India
1-3-1926

My dear friend,

Thank you so much for your kind letter of the 2nd February.

I am feeling much better now and quite happy and contented. His will be done.

"God gives us what He knows our wants require. And better things than these which we desire".

Many thanks for your loving prayers. I too often think of you and pray for you with love.

With affectionate greetings to self and family.

Yours affectionately,

Sundar Singh.
Acts 14.22.

Subathu, Simla Hills.
India. 1st July, 1926.

My dear friend,

My health is much better, thank God and I am glad that I have been able to write a new book on my "Visions" and I enclose here with a type written copy. Please let me know when you receive it, so that I may be sure that you have got it alright.

Mr. Sven Thulin of J.A. Lindblads Förlag, Uppsala, wrote me some time ago, asking me to give this book to him to publish in Swedish. Now I am writing to him that I have sent the manuscript to you and you are quite at liberty to translate and publish it into Swedish or give it to Mr. Thulin for publication. I leave this matter in your hands, do just as you may think best.

I trust you are keeping well. Often I think of you and pray for you and I thank you heartily for your kind prayers.

With all best wishes and Christian love to self and family.

Yours affectionately,

Sundar Singh.

Subathu,
Simla Hills, India.
18-8-1926

My dear friend,

On July 1st I sent you a type written copy of the manuscript of my new book on my "Visions", but I have not heard yet from you. I hope you have received the MS. and you are keeping well.

Now I am enclosing herewith a copy of the "Foreword" which the Bishop of Lahore (Punjab) wrote for my book on Visions. This also should be published with the book in Swedish.

I am feeling better now. I thank you heartily for your love, sympathy and prayers.

Now I close with my love and best wishes to self and family.

Yours affectionately,

Sundar Singh.

Subathu,
Simla Hills.
22-11-1926

My revered friend,

Many thanks for your kind letter of October 29th.

I was staying with Swedish missionaries a few days ago at Saugor when I went there to speak at Central Indian Conference. We thought of you and talked about you then, not only then, but often I think of you and pray for you.

God willing I shall be going to Tibet again next April. Please keep this matter confidential and pray about it.

I enclose herewith an article which I wrote some time ago.

Now with kindest regards and affectionate greetings to self and family. I close this letter yours affectionately,

Sundar Singh.

Subathu
Simla Hills
4-10-1927

My revered friend.

It is a long time since I have not heard from you. I trust you are all keeping well.

Last month I went on my preaching your and I had very good opportunities for the Lord's work in the Hills. I shall be going down again in a few days to attend a conference at Meerut. In November I will be going to attend another conference in central India (Jubbulpore).

I enclose herewith a type written manuscript of my new book "The Real Life", please give it to Mr. Thulin, J.A. Lindblads Förlag, Uppsala, or to some other publishers whom you may consider good publishers.

I want to insert in appendix an article "The Real Spiritual Life" but unfortunately I have not got any copy of the article. I will try to get it and send it to you later on, if not then omit the appendix. I think I sent you a copy of that article. I shall be much obliged if you insert it in the book in case you have got it.

My health is much better now thank God. I believe that God has spare my life for a little more time in answer to many prayer of my dear friends like yourself. I thank you heartily for you prayers and Christian love.

With best wishes and warm love to self and family.

Yours affectionately,

Sundar Singh.

Subathu,
Simla Hills.
Dated 13.11.1928.

My revered friend,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 22nd October. I hope you have by now arranged for the publication of my new book in Swedish and you must have received my new article also which I wrote last month on the Inner Life.

Now I want your advice on another matter. It is this: I have often seen in my Visions your noble countryman Swedenborg, he is a most wonderful personality. He has told me several interesting facts. Do you think it would be useful if I write my conversation with him in a book form? Please tell me frankly about it and I will never misunderstand you who are one of my most valued friend.

With every good wishes to self and family.

Yours affectionately,

Sundar Singh.

Subathu
Simla Hills
Dated 1.11.1925.

My revered friend,

I sent you the MS. of my new book a couple of months ago. Now I enclose herewith a copy of an article on "the Inner Life" which I have written for some missionary papers.

I trust you are all keeping well. My health is about the same and I have been able to go out on my preaching tour in the hills and in winter I will be attending some conferences and communities in different parts of India. Kindly remember me in your prayers.

With all good wishes to self and family.

Yours affectionately,

Sundar Singh.

Copy of an article written for the Bible Society.

WHAT THE BIBLE IS TO ME.

The Bible is THE Book of books because it is the Book of God. It is my Guide and Light and food for my soul. Experience has shown and proved the fact that there is no other book in the world beside this which can meet the spiritual needs of men.

It is now about a quarter of a century since this precious Book introduced me to it's Author and all this time I have found my Saviour to be exactly the same as recorded in this Book. He has been to me all that we read concerning Him there. Language difficulties and textual criticism etc. have not hidden its truths nor hindered in the least its life-giving influence in my heart because of these words - "They are spirit and they are life" [John 6:63].

In reading the Bible I have found such untold and eternal wealth of riches of which I never thought nor dreamt before; and now passing on its message to others and sharing it with them, its blessing to me and to them continually increases.

People can see the book and its readers but its wonderful unseen power and force of attraction are only known by those who read it sincerely and prayerfully. Just as the magnet and needle can be seen but the magnetic force which draws the needle to itself is hidden and unseen and is not visible be telescope nor microscope, so the unseen power of this Word of God draws sinners like me to the Saviour. Further just as the power of attraction in the magnet does not depend on its acceptance or denial by people, so this hidden drawing power of the Bible exists and is always present whether people believe it or not. It makes no difference whatever, so much so that even many non-Christians have somehow or other felt its power; for instance Hindus and Mohammedans in India often forbid their people to read the Bible, lest they be drawn away by its power and become Christians, as many have already become.

Many have sacrificed their lives for this Book and for Him of whom it tells because He first gave His life for all. A murderer is put to death, his life is taken because he took another's life; but what about Him Who instead of taking life, gave His own? It demands that because He gave His life for us, so now we should be ready to give and sacrifice our lives for Him, and in His name, for others. That is why innumerable men and women have gladly given and are giving their lives in His service, in order to bring others to Him.

If I had not had this Book, which is God-given, how should I have ever known the infinite love of God which was revealed on the Cross? I thank and praise Him who gave His word to me, through the prophets and apostles and preserved it for us. I shall ever be thankful to the British and Foreign Bible Society who translated and made it possible for me to get this treasure in my own language. May God grant that many more like me will receive eternal life from the living Saviour by reading this precious Book. Amen.

Sundar Singh.